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Cleanest dining on Staten Island

► It's been a year since restaurant letter grades went into effect ► Staten Island eateries rate high, while Queens' deemed dirtiest ► But some say 'who cares?' {page 02}

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Sports. Crazy day



► Santonio Holmes is back in green. Carlos Beltran is heading to the West Coast. The Jets are shopping for the best free agent in the 2011 class. Oh, and between trades of Donovan McNabb and Kevin Kolb, we also had a no-hitter in baseball. Did you catch all that? {pages 26-29}

News
**MTA fare
hikes will
hit twice**

- Cost of subway rides may go up in 2013 and again in 2015
- Transit agency eyeballing 7.5 percent increase {page 06}

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500 episodes?**

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In the news

Bronx takes a dip underwater

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City dump has the cleanest kitchens?

- Department of Health celebrates one-year anniversary of letter grades
- Staten Island ranks top in tidiness
- But some don't trust the system

One year ago today, the city Department of Health started grading restaurants "A," "B" and "C." Now the results are in: You'll have to hop on the Staten Island ferry to get to the cleanest eateries in New York.

According to Metro's analysis of the Department of Health's data, 73 percent of Staten Island's graded restaurants earned an "A" — higher than the citywide average of 69 percent.

Still, some New Yorkers doubt the integrity of the city's much-touted program. "I could care less about Staten Island," said private concierge Zayna Abdul, 32, of Brooklyn.

Abdul says she pays attention to grades, but she also thinks there might be holes in the system.

Restaurant owners and industry experts say the methodology is unfair.

"This system causes small-business owners anxiety, fear and sleepless nights," said Andrew Rigie, of the New York Restaurant Association. "'A' 'B' or a 'C' can mislead the public. If a restaurant is safe enough to serve the public, it should not be punished."

The health department's one-year program has also been marred by news of bribery allegations. In February, Jacob Isakov, the 26-year-old owner of Gan Eden restaurant on West 47th Street, was arrested when he attempted to bribe a DOH inspector with \$100 for a favorable grade.

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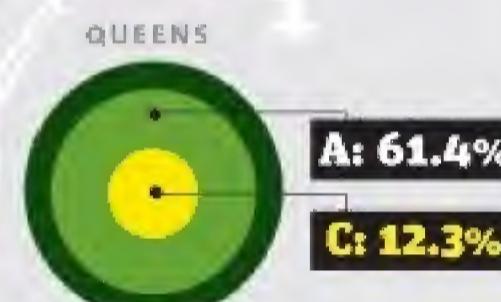
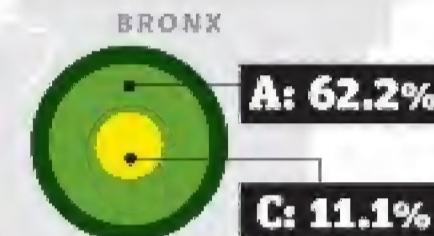
Grades by borough

Staten Island has the highest ratio of 'A'-grade restaurants. Queens has the highest percentage that received 'C's.'

CITYWIDE	GRADED	C/CLOSED	A
BRONX	2,204	11.1%	66.2%
BROOKLYN	5,235	12.1%	62.8%
MANHATTAN	9,086	11.7%	63.6%
QUEENS	5,030	12.3%	61.4%
STATEN ISLAND	899	8%	73.3%

● NUMBER OF RESTAURANTS GRADED ● 'C' GRADE OR CLOSED ● 'A' GRADE

SOURCE: DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH INSPECTION WEBSITE



"There's a game being played behind the letters. I've never bribed an inspector — which is obvious, because I've never gotten an 'A.'" **JASON STEVENS, OWNER OF REBAR IN DUMBO**

Metro question**Do you pay attention to the city's restaurant letter grades?**

Xavier Beltran,
37, lawyer,
South Street
Seaport
"I haven't
even noticed them."



Michelle
Roberts, 39,
finance,
Prospect
Heights.
"Anything less than an
'A,' I don't go in. It's prob-
ably not fair — even
restaurants have an off
day."



Jorge Leal, 27,
stock broker,
Upper East Side.
"Yes. They let
me know
whether it's hygienic. I
don't want to eat off the
floor."

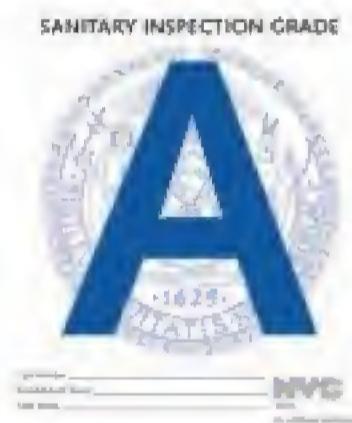
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ABC's of the DOH

NEW YORK. The DOH inspects 24,000 restaurants a year, checking for food handling, temperature, personal hygiene and vermin. Each violation earns a certain number of points. At the end of the inspection, the total number of points is the restaurant's inspection score; the lower the score, the better. Here's what each letter means in terms of point value:

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A: 0-13 points



B: 14-27 points



C: 28 or more points

Food carts next up?

NEW YORK. What's the next thing in New York that may get slapped with letter grades?



One city councilman wants food carts to start brandishing the conspicuous "A," "B" and "C" grades. City Councilman Daniel Garodnick has introduced legislation mandating food carts be sub-

ject to letter grading. The Department of Health found 2,517 violations so far this year on food carts, ranging from food being kept at the wrong temperature, a lack of hand washing by vendors to even live

vermin.

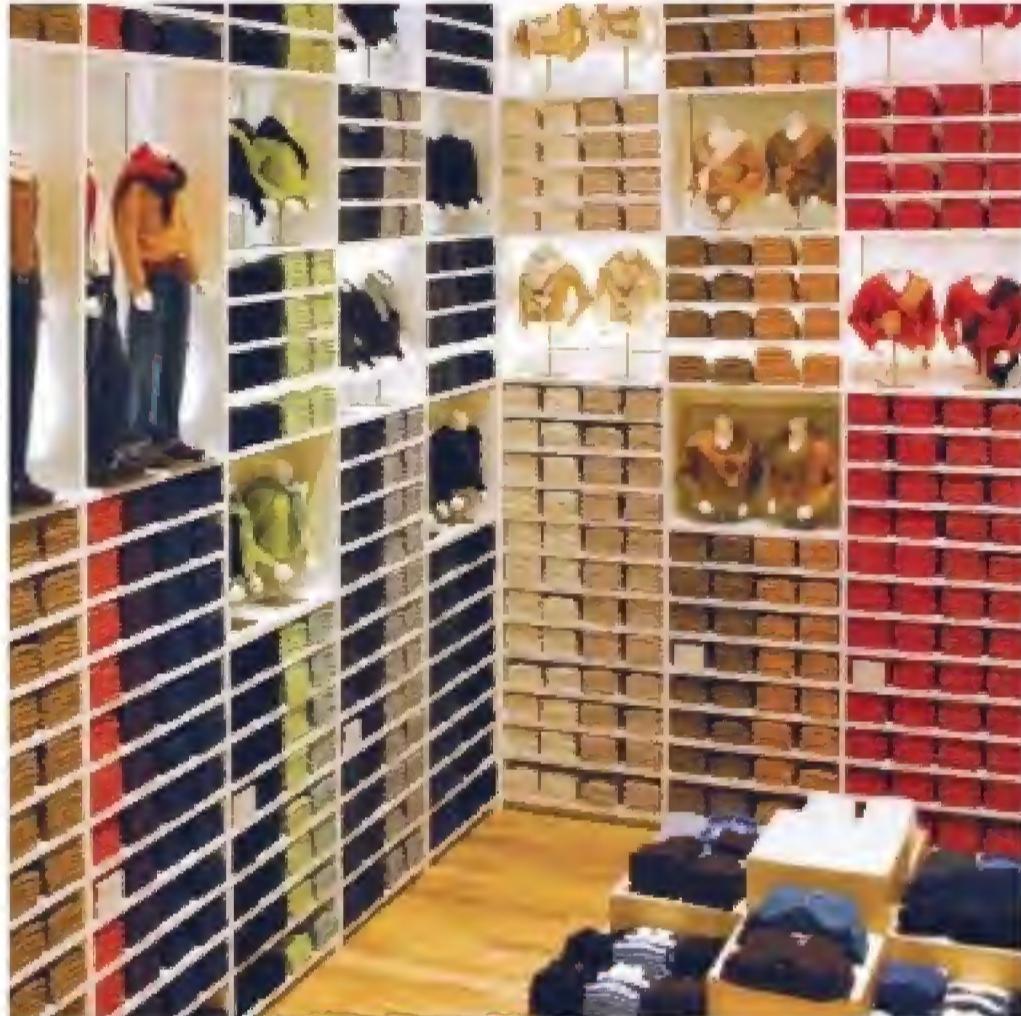
"There should be no ambiguity as to whether the food you're eating is safe and clean and free of vermin and other problems," said Garodnick.

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Kelly tops a list of mayoral candidates

Who trails Kelly?

Former Rep. Anthony Weiner had been a top contender before resigning last month over explicit photos. Here's who's left:

- 1** City Council Speaker Christine Quinn, who is publicly gunning for the gig, garnered 18 percent.
- 2** Brooklyn Borough President Marty Markowitz had 12 percent of voters' support.
- 3** City Comptroller John Liu received 10 percent.
- 4** Former comptroller and mayoral candidate Bill Thompson got 8 percent.

► New Yorkers favor their top cop ► But he says he doesn't want the job ► He's followed by Council Speaker

He could rule New York City — if only he wanted to.

Police Commissioner Ray Kelly leads the pack of 2013 mayoral candidates, according to a Quinnipiac poll released yesterday.

Kelly, who became commissioner in 1992, garnered 23 percent of New Yorkers' support.

"Everybody talks about Ray Kelly," Mickey Carroll, director of the Quinnipiac University Polling Institute, told Metro. "I don't think he's going to run, and I think if you ask him, he'll say he's not going to run. But there it is, people



"Kelly is a very popular police commissioner. He's a good police commissioner because he knows how to do the job, locking up the bad guys and dealing with the public and the press."

MICKEY CARROLL

like him."

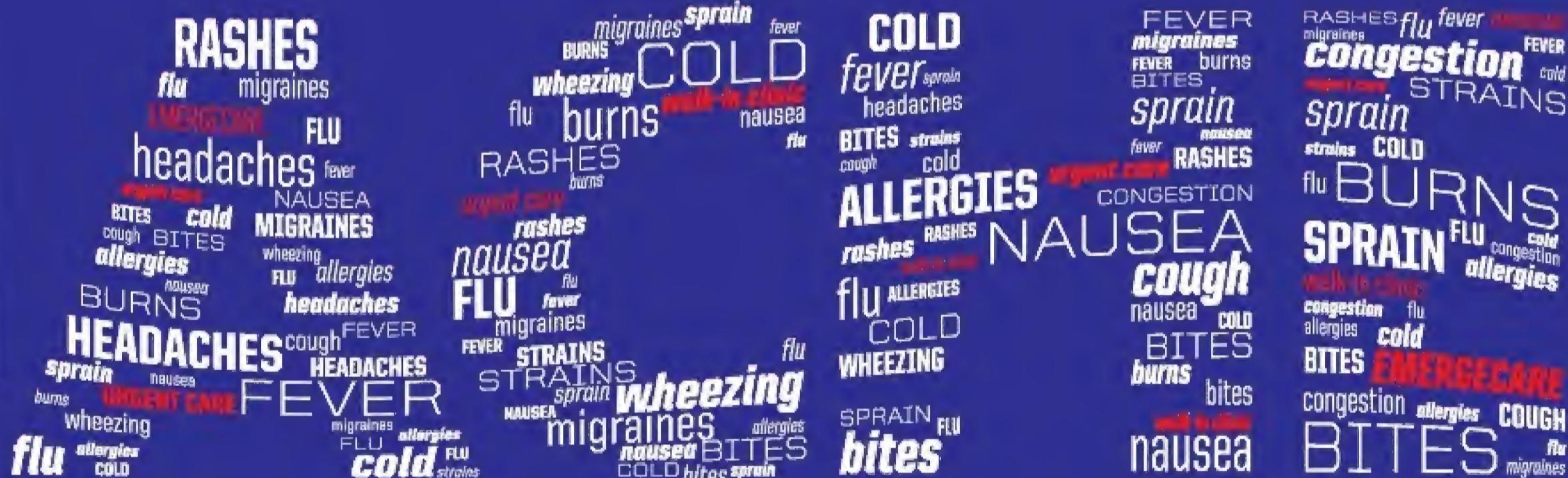
Kelly impressed New Yorkers, Carroll said, by keeping crime levels low and seeming approachable. For example, his sadness was palpable when he announced the death of 9-year-old Leiby Kletzky earlier this month.

But Fordham political science professor Christina Greer said 2013 is a long way off. "That could just be the shock bump, where it's the first time they've seen a new name," she said. "It's so early."

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► New York Police Commissioner Ray Kelly won points for his compassionate handling of the Leiby Kletzky murder.



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Increased security for Ramadan

The Muslim holiday of Ramadan begins on Aug. 1, and the NYPD is increasing patrols around mosques. Police Commissioner Ray Kelly announced yesterday.

The NYPD always steps up patrols at the city's Islamic centers during Ramadan, but they are especially concerned this year after last week's attack in Norway, where the shooter said he was fighting the rising threat of Islam.

Kelly said police have not heard of any specific threats, but the NYPD also added patrols around Scandinavian consulates and government buildings.

Muhamed Morani, head of the Al-Imam Mosque in

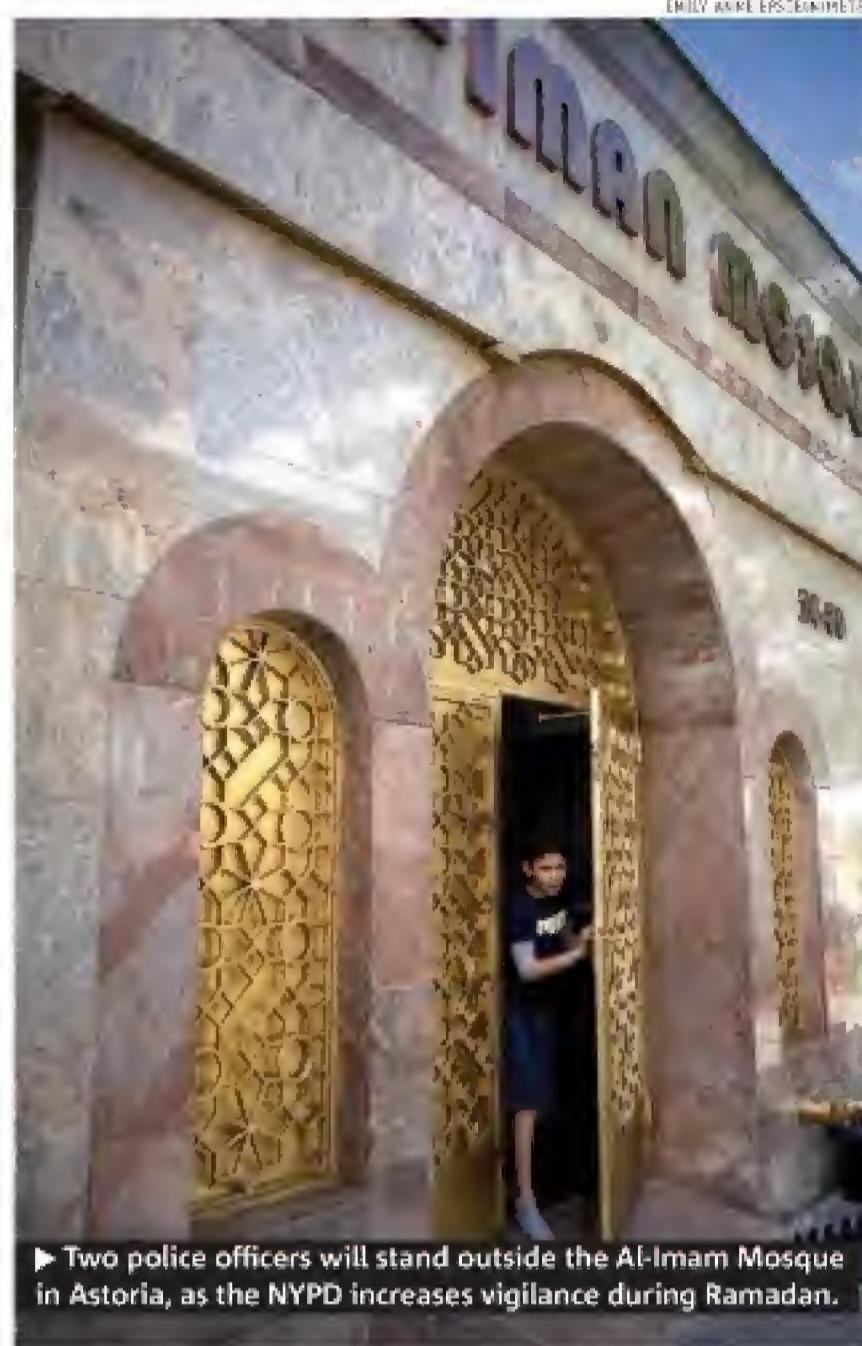
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The Al-Imam Mosque in Astoria had an unwelcome guest last year.

- ▶ A drunk man barged in during evening prayer last August, shouting anti-Muslim slurs and calling the worshipers "terrorists."
- ▶ He was arrested after he urinated outside the mosque.

Astoria, said he is expecting two police officers to stand outside the mosque front door from 8:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily.

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Two police officers will stand outside the Al-Imam Mosque in Astoria, as the NYPD increases vigilance during Ramadan.

Fewer teachers get tenure in 2011

NEW YORK. It's becoming much more difficult for New York City's teachers to get tenure.

Out of the 5,209 teachers who applied for tenure this year, only 58 percent of them were approved, Mayor Michael Bloomberg announced yesterday. That's down sharply from the 2006-2007 school year, when nearly every teacher who applied, or 97 percent, got tenure. In his continued quest for educa-

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"Making tenure an earned distinction rather than an automatic right will help our teachers get better." BLOOMBERG

tion reform — and battle with the city teachers' union — Bloomberg vowed to end automatic tenure last year. • METRO/CB

Man's body washes up in Queens

ROCKAWAY. Police are trying to determine the identity of a man who washed up just before 8 a.m.

yesterday morning at Beach 119th Street and the Boardwalk in the Rockaways. The man, fully clothed and in his 40s, was found floating in the water just off the beach, according to police. A cause of death has not yet been identified. • METRO/CB

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► More pain: In addition to a fare hike, the MTA plans to implement a \$1 surcharge on every new MetroCard purchased in 2013.

Transit time bomb: Fare hikes coming

► Fare hike looming in 2013 and again in 2015 ► MTA also wants a freeze on wage raises, and city to chip in

The MTA is taking New Yorkers for a ride — again.

The transit authority released its preliminary budget for the next four years on Tuesday, and in it the MTA is mulling two fare hikes.

As previously announced, the authority wants to increase fares by 7.5 percent in 2013 and plans to do so again in 2015. At the same time, the authority wants to borrow \$7 billion from the state and federal government.

Fleeing MTA chair Jay Walder, who is leaving in October for a high-paid job running a transit system in

7.5%

Amount by which the MTA wants to raise fares in 2013. The last fare hike raised a monthly MetroCard from \$89 to \$104

Hong Kong, said the budget has a "fragile stability." But board member Andrew Saul called the MTA's debt "a ticking time bomb."

"We need to watch this debt time bomb because it's going to become a major problem in the future,"

warned Saul. "The job's not finished."

Saul pointed out that the projected preliminary plans would raise the MTA's debt to \$31 billion.

On top of loans and fare hikes, the MTA also wants to deny its unionized workers raises for three years in a row.

To save the ailing system, Chief Financial Officer Robert Foran suggested that the city chip in more for some capital projects, such as the Second Avenue subway line.

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King: More joining up

WASHINGTON. Long Island Congressman Peter King, a Republican and chairman of the House Homeland Security Committee, is in the midst of his second round of public hearings on Muslim radicalization in the U.S. King's staff found that more than 40 Muslim Americans and 20 Canadians have been recruited to join al Shabaab, an al Qaeda-affiliated terror group in Somalia. **REUTERS**

Gunman at Flatiron

FLATIRON. Police arrested a man who barricaded himself in the Flatiron building yesterday afternoon, shutting down streets in the heart of the city. The suspect was an elderly man who locked himself in his apartment in the landmark building with a firearm. He reportedly waved the gun at a window washer. The man took no hostages, police said. ■ **METRO/AB**

Shelters to add staff

NEW YORK. New York announced it will add 100 more employees to animal shelters citywide and is expanding the hours that animals may be dropped off or picked up at shelters. The city will also increase the number of stray, injured and abandoned animals it picks up off the streets. About 40,000 dogs and cats enter the city's shelters each year.

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Two sides, game of chicken

WASHINGTON. Republicans and Democrats rushed to rework rival deficit reduction plans yesterday, but with the fate of both proposals heavily in doubt top lawmakers pursued a behind-the-scenes compromise to avert a

crippling U.S. debt default.

Signaling a potential for compromise, Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, a Democrat, said current plans can "easily" change. Senate Democratic aides said they hoped that once Boehner's plan is killed — either by the House or Senate — then support will grow for Reid's one-step remedy, which Obama backs. **REUTERS**

Stocks fall as debt talk drags on

NEW YORK. Wall Street fell yesterday as troubling signs from U.S. corporations and falling demand for long-lasting manufactured goods discouraged investors already nervous about faltering debt talks in Washington.

"We haven't been com-

2.6%

The S&P 500 has lost 2.6 percent so far this week investors fret over a U.S. debt default.

mitting new capital," said Eric Kuby, chief investment officer at North Star Investment Management Corp. "We've been holding off on making any purchases over the last few days." **REUTERS**



► Calvin Ryle of Empire, Nev., 62, is one of many Americans who have lost jobs and are wondering what's next for the country.

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Real Americans wonder, 'Did you forget about us?'

► Nation sick of debt dealings ► Many people say they feel like Washington is playing politics with their lives

Americans already concerned about their jobs begged Washington politicians yesterday to stop dithering, cut the budget and resolve a debt crisis they fear could lead to higher interest rates or worse.

Americans struggling to right themselves after the collapse in real estate values were concerned that a threatened downgrade of top-rated U.S. debt would raise interest rates.

By turns exasperated and scornful, Americans questioned at random were

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"People will probably lose more jobs and stuff like that."

NICOLE KELLY, 21, MIAMI

"I hate the partisan posturing."

RONALD BRANDT, 49, MILWAUKEE

"What happens when the dollar becomes unwanted currency?"

FABIAN BEDNE, 51, NASHVILLE

unsure whether Congress and President Barack Obama will avoid a default on the nation's debt before an imposed Aug. 2 deadline — or what it might mean.

Many blamed the stalemate in Washington in part on political positioning ahead of the 2012 elections. But many of the people who were asked to comment said they felt too uninformed or could not understand the arcane issues involved.

"The adversity is too much," said Jason Bryan, 40, when asked to comment on the tenor of the debate. "It's just pulling the American people apart."

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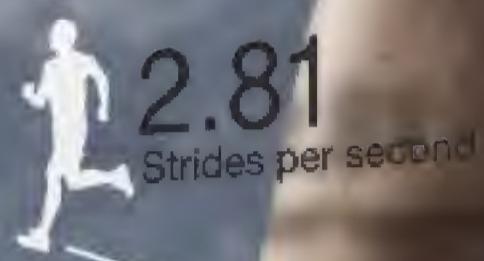
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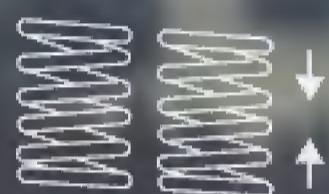
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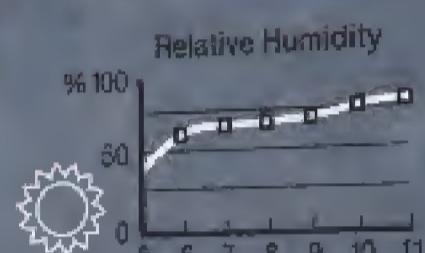
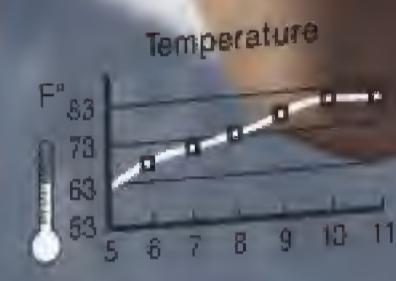
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In Norway, a return to normality

Jittery Norwegians tried to restore some normality yesterday after mass killings by a far-right zealot traumatized the nation.

Oslo's central station was evacuated after a suspicious suitcase was found on a bus, and all train and bus services were halted. Emergency vehicles ringed the station, but police said later the suitcase was harmless.

Norwegians, unused to violence in a quiet country of 4.8 million, must now struggle with how to improve security without jeopardizing the freedom and openness of their society.

Police reopened some streets around the blast site in Oslo and vendors gradu-

"I am glad to be back in my office ... to be able to resume the more normal work functions."

RIGMOR AASERUD, ADMINISTRATION AND CHURCH MINISTER

ally reopened for business. Workers at a corner store about 150 yards away have painted the plywood boards put up in place of blown-out windows.

"Fixing the glass will take a week or two and the wood looks better painted," said deputy store manager Aylan Bastas. "We will fix it up nicely, just like before." **REUTERS**



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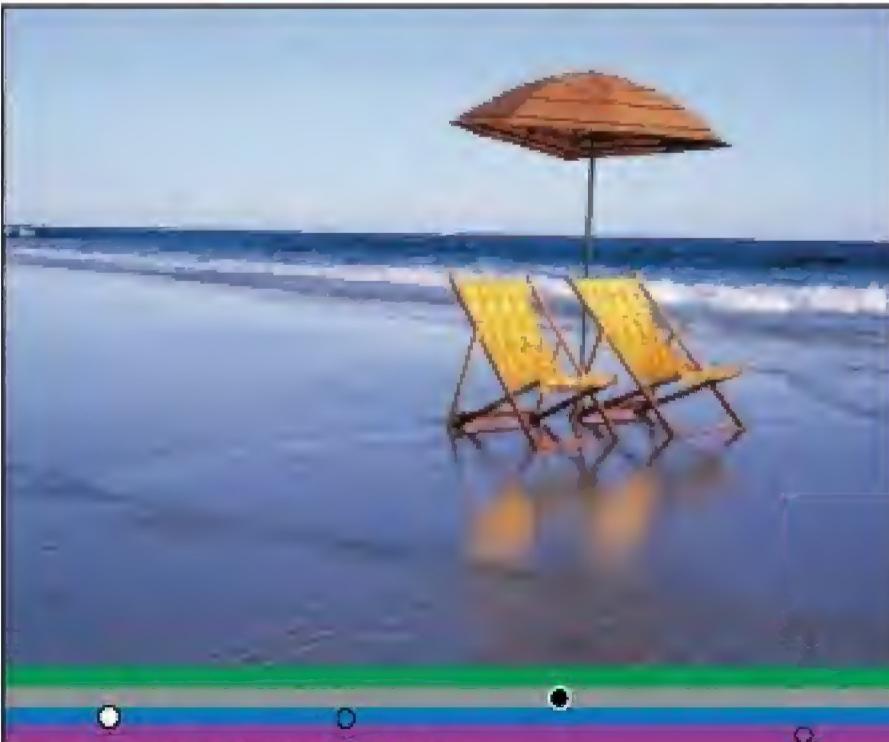
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DUI arrest a prelude to Olympic skier's suicide

SALT LAKE CITY. Olympic silver medalist skier Jeret "Speedy" Peterson has committed suicide near Salt Lake City days after his arrest on suspicion of DUI.

Peterson, 29, was found with a self-inflicted gunshot wound on Monday night, shortly after he had called emergency dispatch to say he was going to kill himself, said Lt. Justin Hoyal, a spokesman for Unified Police of Greater Salt Lake. **REUTERS**

Speedy indeed

Peterson was arrested after speeding in a Dodge Dakota pickup through Hailey in south-central Idaho at an estimated 70 miles per hour — over the local speed limit of 25 mph — police said.

► He failed three field sobriety tests, including a walk and turn and a one-leg stand, according to a police report.

Sick calls leave flyers stranded

CHICAGO. Continental Airlines canceled 24 flights yesterday due to a shortage of pilots after a barrage of sick calls, said **REUTERS**

the carrier's parent, United Continental Holdings.

Airline spokeswoman Megan McCarthy said most of the cancellations involved flights from Newark. The airline was working to book the affected passengers on other flights, she said. **REUTERS**

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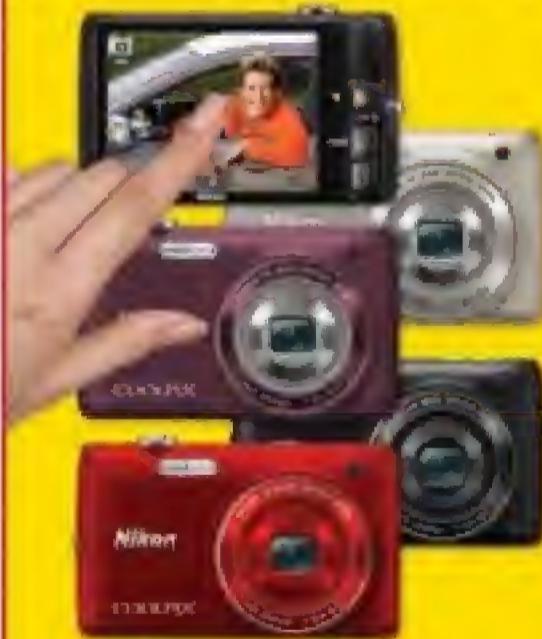
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► Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.

Today, Aimee Mann is a Timberlake fan, Joel McHale is unnerved by slang, Pee-wee Herman is celebrating and Lindsay Lohan doesn't like what's being reported about her.

► @aimeemann Watching SNL rerun...honestly, if there's a bigger quintuple threat out there than Justin Timberlake, I've yet to see it.

► @joelmcuale An older gentleman (mid 60's) ended the conversation we were having with the phrase, "Lates". Made me feel insane.

► @peeweeherman Happy National Tequila Day!

► @lindsaylohan Love how going to a friend's birthday turns into a slew of lies! grrr - oh well... happy sunday all.



Lohan

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Metro's **Dorothy Robinson** shares her take on the world of gossip **t** @dorothyatmetro **m** dorothy.robinson@metro.us



Skarsgard split

After two years together, "True Blood" star **Alexander Skarsgård** has reportedly split from girlfriend **Kate Bosworth**, according to Us Weekly. "It was very mutual," a source says. "And it happened awhile ago." Skarsgård

definitely seemed single while hitting the party circuit at San Diego Comic-Con last weekend, where sources say he got flirty with a brunette before leaving with her. "He's single, and he is loving the attention," the source says. My theory? Bosworth's neck just couldn't handle the strain.

The ex-bride wore white — a bit too soon

Poor Kristin Cavallari — not only is her engagement to **Jay Cutler** over, but photos surfaced online yesterday of her modeling wedding dresses, taken two days before Cutler reportedly called it off. If it's true that the Bears quarterback did stop the wedding, it's rather cruel he did so soon after she was snapped wearing white. Also sad? This headline from TMZ: "Kristin Cavallari — The TRAGIC Wedding Dress Photos." Whoa. Calm down there, TMZ. Isn't "tragic" a bit over the top? Maybe "embarrassing" would be more accurate. Tragic would be if she severed her femoral artery on a runaway sequin, not just having a picture taken of herself (which, from what I can tell, is pretty much her career). Girlfriend is 24. In Hollywood math, that means at least seven more chances for her to wear white.



► Kristin Cavallari was also photographed wearing this engagement ring. For shame!



Lovato

Talking points

Mumford and wives?

Carey Mulligan and her Mumford and Sons boyfriend, **Marcus Mumford**, are reportedly engaged, according to the Sun. "Carey looked like the cat who had got the cream. She was wearing a beautiful ring and didn't seem to mind who saw it," says a source who spotted the two at a party at a country estate in

southwest England. "They were stuck to each other like glue. She was doing most of the talking and he was hanging on her every word."

Demi Lovato: An inspiration

Despite the rough two years **Demi Lovato** has had — including a stint in rehab and announcing she'd suffered from addiction and eating disorders — the Disney star says she's much more comfortable with fans looking up to her now.

"Kids used to tell me, 'You're my role model.' And I'd want to shake them and be like, 'Why?'" Lovato says, according to Hollyscoop. "I finally feel like I can inspire people. I can be proud of it."

McQueen cash: For the dogs

Alexander McQueen certainly wanted to make sure his canine companions were looked after. The late British designer reportedly left a decent chunk of his \$26 million

estate to his three dogs and two animal charities, according to The Associated Press. McQueen's will included \$82,000 for the care of his three dogs and \$164,000 for the Battersea Dogs and Cats Home and the Blue Cross, a charity for abandoned animals.

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**A failed world record attempt and more**

1: Lauren Alaina and Scotty McCreery perform during the 2011 American Idols Live! tour at the Arena at Gwinnett Center on Tuesday in Duluth, Ga. McCreery later showed his Georgia love by wearing a Coca-Cola T-shirt.

2: Mila Kunis, who is originally from the Ukraine, and co-star Justin Timberlake attend a "Friends With Benefits" photocall in Moscow, Russia, yesterday.

3: Jessica Biel and Colin Farrell are seen filming the remake of "Total Recall" on the streets of Toronto on Wednesday.

4: Katie Price, dressed in what appears to be an outfit made from pages of her new book, "The Comeback Girl," attempts to break the Guinness World Record for the largest book signing at the O2 Academy yesterday in Leeds, U.K. Spoiler alert: She failed.

5: Former NFL star Herschel Walker attends the Madden NFL 12 Pigskin Pro-Am Eve on Tuesday in New York City.

6: Actress Sarah Jessica Parker attends a jewelry fair at Park Hyatt Hotel on Tuesday in Beijing, China.

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'The Simpsons' hits 500 episodes

- Executive Producer Al Jean on the series' milestone
- Other highlights to look forward to in Season 23

Sick of "The Simpsons"? Impossible, we say! The series is set to hit 500 episodes on Feb. 19, 2012, after all. But according to series executive producer Al Jean, not everyone is feeling the love.

"There's a big town meeting that the Simpsons don't know about, and when they go in, the town is saying, 'We're going to get rid of the Simpsons,'" Jean said Tuesday, explaining the milestone episode's plot to TV critics touring the show's animation studio, Film Roman, in Burbank, Calif. "They're sick of them."

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Highlights

For fans still on Team Simpson, Jean spilled other highlights of Season 23, premiering Sept. 25:

- The "Treehouse of Horrors" episode will actually air around Halloween this year: Oct. 30.
- Another holiday-themed half-hour — a Christmas episode — takes place 30 years in the future. "Bart is this lousy, deadbeat dad who actually lives in the school, which is now condos, and Skinner is his landlord," Jean says.
- In another episode, Homer becomes a Glenn Beck-like pundit. He leads the "Gravy

Boat" movement and selects Ted Nugent as his ideal presidential candidate. The Nuge guest stars — and sings!

- Pop-culture spoofs and homages abound. In a parody of "Inception," Jean says: "One dream level was [drawn in] the 'Tracey Ullman Show' style" — like the animated series' early days.
- Another reference of note: "Lost." "We have a show coming up where Homer gets addicted to a show that's basically 'Lost,'" Jean says. "It ended five years ago, but he's like, 'Don't tell me how it ends!' We're doing it post-'Lost,' and five years from now it will still be post-'Lost,' so it should hold up."

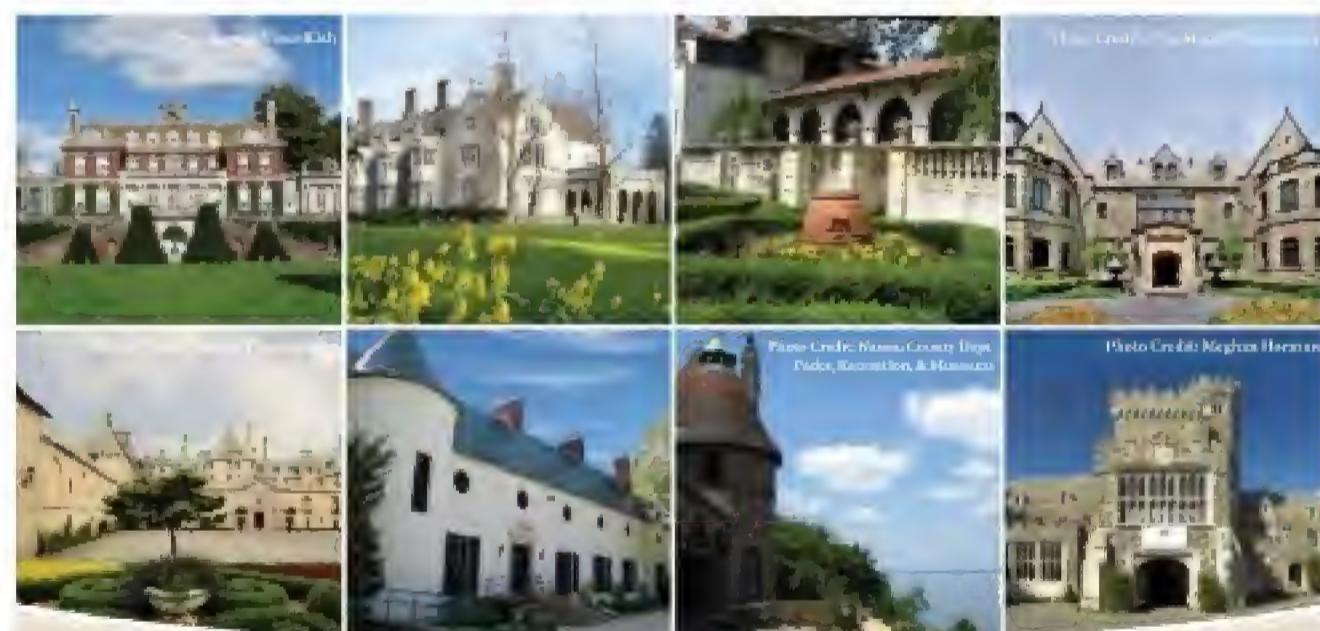


► "The Simpsons" returns for Season 23 on Sept. 25.

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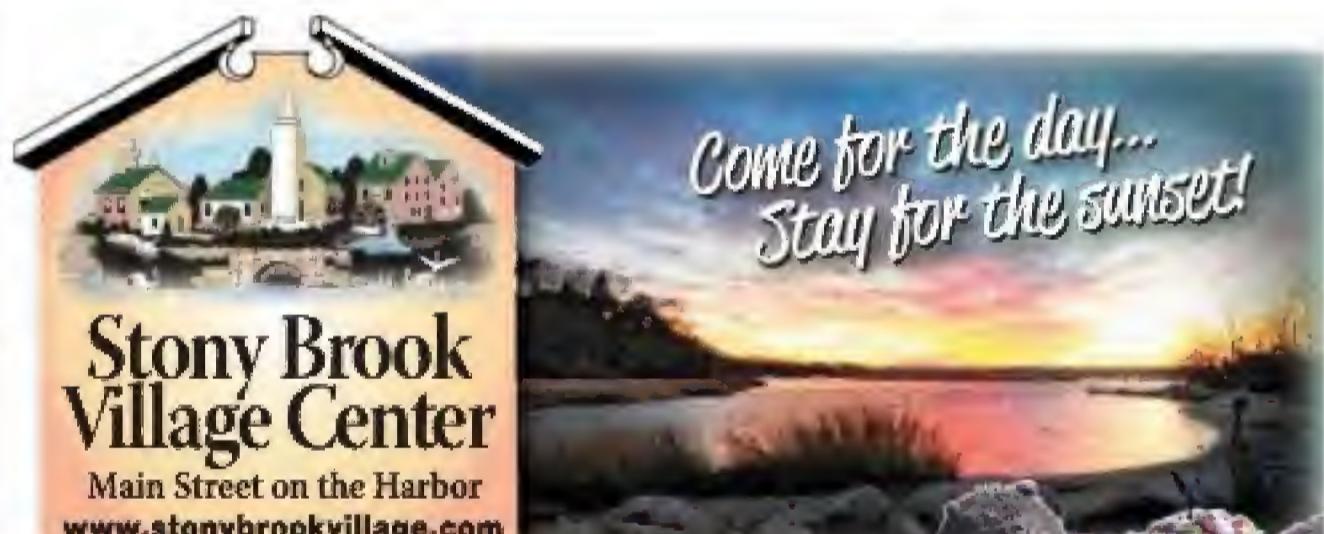
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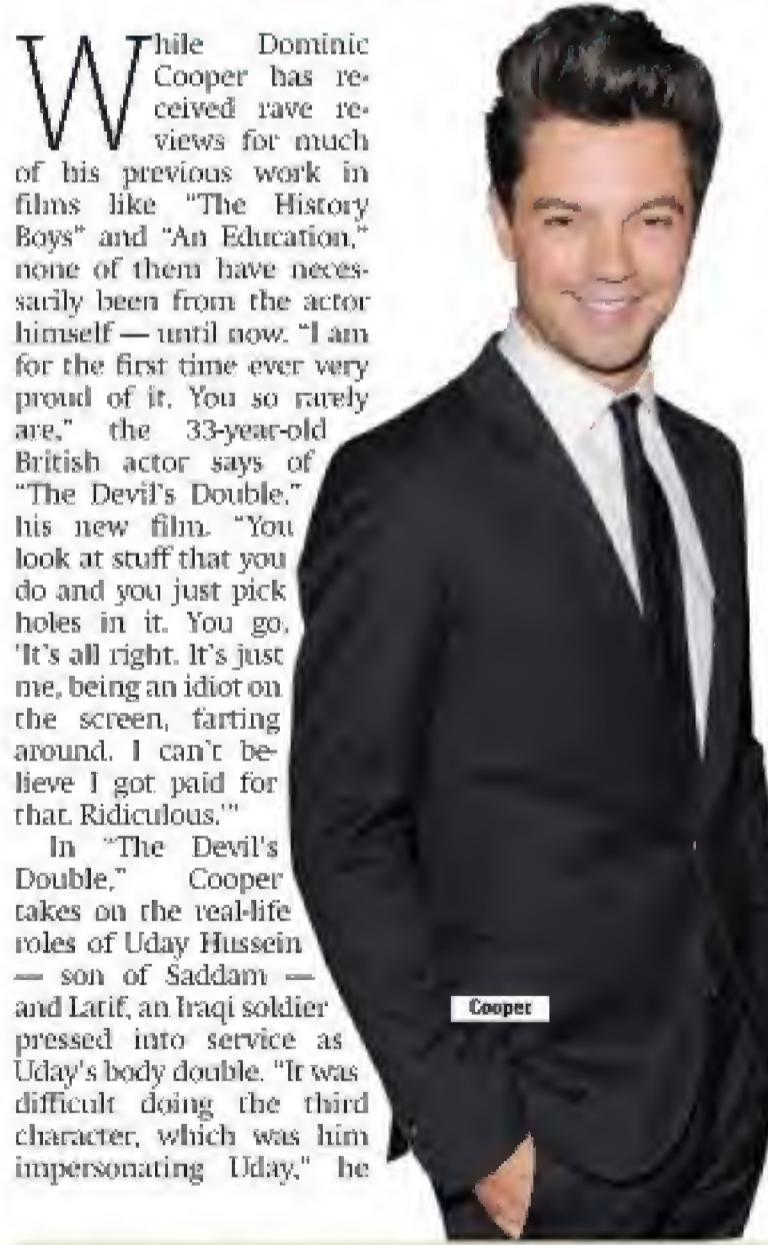
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LIKE FATHER, LIKE . . .

Actor Dominic Cooper, the cute kid from 'Mamma Mia,' goes bad as Saddam's kid in 'The Devil's Double' □ The tricky aspect of playing two characters — at the same time



Cooper

While Dominic Cooper has received rave reviews for much of his previous work in films like "The History Boys" and "An Education," none of them have necessarily been from the actor himself — until now. "I am for the first time ever very proud of it. You so rarely are," the 33-year-old British actor says of "The Devil's Double," his new film. "You look at stuff that you do and you just pick holes in it. You go, 'It's all right. It's just me, being an idiot on the screen, farting around. I can't believe I got paid for that. Ridiculous.'"

In "The Devil's Double," Cooper takes on the real-life roles of Uday Hussein — son of Saddam — and Latif, an Iraqi soldier pressed into service as Uday's body double. "It was difficult doing the third character, which was him impersonating Uday," he

says. "Getting the balance there and not immediately assuming he was any good at it — why would he be any good at it, pretending to be somebody else? What we do in our ridiculous profession, why would a guy who was a soldier and a good man be able to throw himself into impersonating this horrific monster?"

A bigger challenge for Cooper was playing opposite himself, a feat accomplished by filming him as Uday first for the most part, then filming the scene again as Latif, acting around what he'd just done. "I'd rush off and get changed and then be looking at these random spots and trying to remember the performance where it was," he says. "I had the sound of me in my ear doing that performance — awfully off-putting, as well, hearing yourself do a performance, going, 'Oh, God, that was wrong! That was horrible,' and then trying to do a performance opposite it."

Playing the part

"I look forward to hearing people's reactions from that part of the world, that region," he says, about the tricky job of tak-

ing on a different race. "I got a compliment the other day from a guy who'd only seen the trailer. He was an Arabic guy, and he was like, 'You play a really good Arab,'" Cooper remembers. "That means

a lot to me. Why I was thinking I possibly could play an Arab is completely ridiculous, really."

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"We've kind of agreed that we're going to do this thing, and it would be utterly absurd, like we'll do a big intro where all the groups are there, we play some intro together, I go out in my space bubble, and I'm proposing that Rivers [Cuomo Weezer singer] goes out in his Weezer canoe, and the crowd sort of lets us jostle each other," says Coyne. "I think we're going to play this intro together and then we'd close the show with us and Weezer playing 'She Don't Use Jelly' and us and Weezer both playing 'The Sweater Song.'"

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10 Reasons to go to the movies this weekend

2 'Cowboys & Aliens' Harrison Ford and Daniel Craig face off in this sci-fi/Western mash-up. Somehow not convinced? Olivia Wilde plays their damsel in distress.

3 'The Smurfs' Katy Perry lends her voice to Smurfette in the live action/CGI take on the cartoon.

4 'Captain America: The First Avenger' Chris Evans puts his square jaw to use as the Marvel Comics hero.

5 'Friends With Benefits' Justin Timberlake and Mila Kunis attempt to make work what absolutely no one else in the history of predictable rom-coms has been able to.

6 'Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 2'



You may have heard about this little sleeper hit. The final installment of the franchise pits Potter against his lifelong nemesis, the creepily noseless Lord Voldemort.

7 'Winnie the Pooh' No 3-D, no computer animation, just a purely delightful little film set in the Hundred Acre Wood.

Must-see
**'Crazy,
Stupid, Love'**

1 Ryan Gosling goes against type as a super-smooth womanizer, while Steve Carell does anything but as a clumsy, newly single, suburban dad. — METRO

8 'Horrible Bosses' No one likes working for a man-eater, a psychopath or a total jerk, but only a few of us would actually embark on eliminating said boss. Jason Sudeikis, Charlie Day and Jason Bateman star as three hard-working men who attempt to do just that.

9 'Zookeeper' Fans of Kevin James will likely enjoy his romp around a Boston zoo where talking animals give him dating advice in order to help him win back his materialistic ex-girlfriend.

10 'Transformers: Dark of the Moon' Michael Bay has paid for the sins of the last "Transformers" film with this straightened-out sequel, which features fight scenes where you can actually see what's going on.

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going out

Trading sunscreen for movie screens

Organizers for Flicks on the Beach hopes this new event brings new revenue. Indie filmmakers reach new audiences. Bring a beach blanket!



Flicks on the Beach will be held every Monday at Boardwalk West and West 10th St., throughout the summer.

Much like disco, nothing lasts forever. As developers give Coney Island a makeover, vendors, residents and visitors watch with emotions ranging from nervous trepidation to cautious anticipation.

Everyone, however, seems to agree that the new film series, Flicks on the Beach, which kicked off July 11 with "Saturday Night Fever," is good for everybody.

"I think it's great," says

Catalina Rodriguez, a 21-year-old Williamsburg resident who braved the trek for the 1977 coming-of-age story starring John Travolta as Tony Manero, a Bay Ridge club rat who longs for something more.

Like Manero, Coney Island has visions of grandeur, which include new hotels and condos. And as construction continues, Coney Island community leaders are hoping Flicks on the Beach — which will be

showing blockbusters like "Iron Man 2" (Monday) and classic films like "Annie Hall" (Aug. 8) — will bring in new visitors and new revenue. Councilman Domenic Recchia was on hand at the screening to encourage visitors to have a good time and "spend some money."

For the kick-off, more than 300 people gathered with beach blankets and coolers to enjoy the picturesque shots of the Verrazano-Narrows Bridge

and a dancing Travolta. They also got a look at independent director Charlie Ahearn's latest short film "All City," which he describes as an anthem for New York. "It's even more than democratic," says Ahearn of the screenings, which will feature independent shorts before each main attraction. "This is a New York experience."

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If you go

The free Monday films start when the sun goes down and are shown on the sand, so be sure to bring a beach blanket.

- 'Iron Man 2' Aug. 1
- 'Annie Hall' Aug. 8
- 'Moonstruck' Aug. 15
- 'Justin Bieber: Never Say Never' Aug. 22
- 'How She Move' Aug. 29

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'120 Minutes' away from reality

MTV2 is bringing back a classic music series and the host who made it famous Matt Pinfield on throwing a big alternative rock party

When Matt Pinfield first hosted the weekly alternative music roundup "120 Minutes" on MTV, the videos he played actually were an alternative to the mainstream music that dominated the network. That late-night dose of independent music on Sundays was, for many, the only chance to absorb such glorious weirdness.

That was more than 15 years ago, and now indie rock is everywhere. But when a revamped "120 Minutes" hits MTV2 this Saturday, it will be an alternative of another sort: Music videos on an MTV network again, as opposed to their

usual reality programming. Pinfield, who has always been known as much for his wealth of information as he was for being, as he says, "a short, bald guy who doesn't look like a model," is quick to point out that the network has been running hip-hop vids on "Sucker Free Sundays."

"I don't think anybody over there ever didn't want to keep playing music," he says. "It was just the success of all those reality shows ended up taking over. But it is exciting to be in on the rebirth of music here."

When discussing music, Pinfield speaks like he's rushing to put his thoughts



You can just see it in his face: Matt Pinfield, left, loves music, and the sounds of Sleigh Bells, right. "120 Minutes" airs at midnight on Saturday on MTV2.

"I've always had ADD, that's why music was the focus that reeled me in. I think the rest of the world has caught up."

MATT PINFIELD

into words before a new thought occurs.

"I've always had ADD, that's why music was the focus that reeled me in," he says. "I think the rest of the world has caught up, because the way people digest music and information has changed quite a bit."

The new show certainly is faster paced. Where the original program had a guest or two, "120" 2.0 is packed with artists big and small, from Kings of Leon and Foo Fighters to smaller acts that Pinfield hopes to introduce to wider audiences.

"It's a party philosophy."

R.I.P. RXP

What had Pinfield been up to in the 12 years since "120 Minutes" shut down?

He worked for Columbia Records in development for five years and hosted a radio show on WRXP, which was sold last month and changed formats. "I'm disappointed too, believe me," he says of losing his show. But in terms of when it all went down, he says he "got very, very lucky in time to work on this."

says Pinfield of his programming. "If you go to somebody's house for a party and you know one or two people, you're going to hang out and they might introduce you to one or two others."

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PATRICIA CONTINO

Food

Greenwich Village Food Tour
Mondays through Saturdays, 11:30 a.m., Various locations, \$34
Expose your taste buds to the flavors of Greenwich Village. Break your parents' rules and start with dessert at the famous Magnolia Bakery, and then enjoy bites of Joe's Pizzeria's thin-crust pizza, Surya's Indian cuisine and Hudson Bagels. Your entire lunch is included in the ticket price. **FIONA GUELDALIA**

Culture

'POWHIDA'
Now through Aug. 12, Marlborough Chelsea, 545 W. 25th St., free
William Powhida has built a résumé that confronts the hypocrisies of the modern art world. His new exhibition is a massive installation. An ambitious attempt to redefine the relationship between the venue, the viewer and the artwork, it represents the apotheosis of the Powhida's work up until now. **SAM REISMAN**

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Music

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Books

'Apricot Brown: Miss Undefinable' Book Launch Sunday, noon to 3 p.m., Broad Street Ballroom, 41 Broad St., \$15 for 2 / \$30 for 4 Championing diversity, personal style and positivity, Apricot Brown encourages young girls to be proud to be themselves. Today, play dress-up in her closet, enjoy a reading of the book, watch a dance performance by Edge School of the Arts and dance to the sounds of Little Club Head kid DJs.

LEAH TAYLOR

'Celebrating 100 Years' NYPL Centennial Exhibition Through Dec. 31, New York Public Library, Fifth Ave. & 42nd St., Free New York Public Library is going into its archives and bringing out some items that rarely see the light of day. Featured are a copy of the Gutenberg Bible, one of Malcolm X's journals, Mary Shelley's hair, the final draft of George Washington's farewell address and Virginia Woolf's walking stick. **ROZALIA JOVANOVIC**

Outside

Double Dutch Divas Saturday, 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., 70 Lincoln Center Plaza, Free

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Exploring issues of racial and gender identity, Lorna Simpson blurs the boundaries between fact and fiction in her poignant photographic and video installations. Mining eBay and flea markets for vernacular photos of African-Americans from the era of segregation, Simpson recontextualizes the imagery to coax new meaning from lost memories. **Lorna Simpson: "Gathered,"** through Aug. 21, Brooklyn Museum, 200 Eastern Pkwy., \$10 suggested donation. **Flavorpill/Paul Laster**



Japanese retailer UNIQLO partnered with the Friends of the Highline to create the first outdoor roller skating rink in New York, which opens today. Sundays through Wednesdays, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m., Thursdays through Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m., 30th Street and 10th Avenue. General admission is \$10 for children under age 13 and \$12 for adults. **Metro/Tina Chadha**

Laughing Lotus

Wednesdays in August, 7 p.m., The High Line Park, 10th Ave btwn. 14th and 15th sts., free Laughing Lotus Yoga Center decamps from its Chelsea base to the High Line for a series of free evening classes. BYO mat, and arrive a little early to get situated; then enjoy a gratis class, incorporating the Center's own "lotus flow," a personalized vinyasa flow. **MB**

Friday, 7 p.m., House of Vans, 25 Franklin St., Brooklyn, free with RSVP

It's time again for another night at one of the best party spaces in Greenpoint. For this edition, House of Vans' expansive digs play host to Polaris prize-winning hard-core punk band F*cked Up. Free beer is a nice additive to the evening. Be sure to RSVP.

Comedy

Eugene Mirman & Pretty Good Friends with Todd Barry, Patton Oswalt, Kristen Schaal and They Might Be Giants

Friday, 5:30 p.m., Williamsburg Waterfront, N. Eighth St. & Kent Ave., Free

Doesn't get much better than this: four of our current favorite comedians, plus one legendary indie group, on the waterfront, for free. **MB**

Music

Mad Decent Block Party Saturday, noon to 9 p.m., South Street Seaport, Fulton & South sts., Free with RSVP

No one does a block party quite like Diplo and his Mad Decent crew. With its carnival games, tasty treats and fierce lineup, this freebie is almost too good to be true. For the kick-off in New York, the beat shuffling is supplied by Gang Gang Dance, Zed's Dead, Claude VonStroke, the Hood Internet and many more. **MINDY BOND**

Film

'The Myth of the American Sleepover' Now through Aug. 7, Museum of the Moving Image, 18 W. Houston St., \$13

Using suburban Detroit as a backdrop, the viewer is gently introduced into the stories of four teens trying to suck the marrow out of the last night of summer. Winner of the Best Ensemble Cast at SXSW 2010, it reminds us of where we've come from. **MB**

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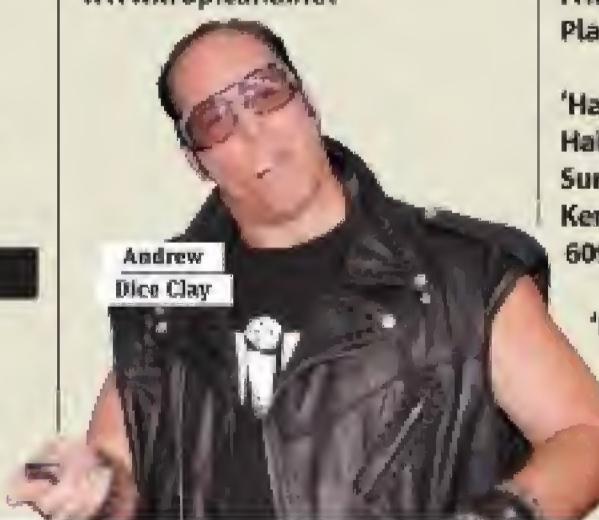
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Top 5**Tips for taking photos of your kids**

► **Don't forget these priceless moments**
 ► **Professional children's photographer, Carly Abbott, shares her advice on getting great snapshots of your little ones**

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1. Natural lighting

Turn off your flash. No matter how well you know your flash, it is an enemy. It flattens everything and makes your images boring. Go outside, or in a room with great window light. And more is not always better. If the noonday sun is bright, head into the shade where there is no glare — and no squinting.

2. Forget posing, just play

It's a general rule that kids hate a photo shoot. You do get the rare ham who loves to pose, but it almost always gets goofy. I prefer to let kids play in a familiar environment and catch them in moments of fun. If a kid is having fun and you get their attention, they will most likely grace you with a pause and a smile.

3. Don't forget the background

Your child may look like the Gerber baby, but the eye will immediately be drawn to the chainlink fence and trash can behind her. Funky colored walls, pretty blankets and nature can all be wonderful accents.

4. Get an SLR

There are wonderful point-and-shoot cameras out there, but to get truly great results, nothing beats a digital SLR. And the market these days is full of affordable consumer cameras. Throw it on the portrait automatic setting to start, or get brave and play with it in manual. You will truly see a difference.

5. Call in a pro

Obviously, only Brangelina have paparazzi covering every family outing. Using these tips, you can capture your kids' childhoods for them to treasure, and to share with friends and family. But nothing beats the images you will get with a professional child photographer. So, every once and a while, for new births, birthdays, etc., give one a call. The shoot will be quick, fun, and you'll be glad you did it.



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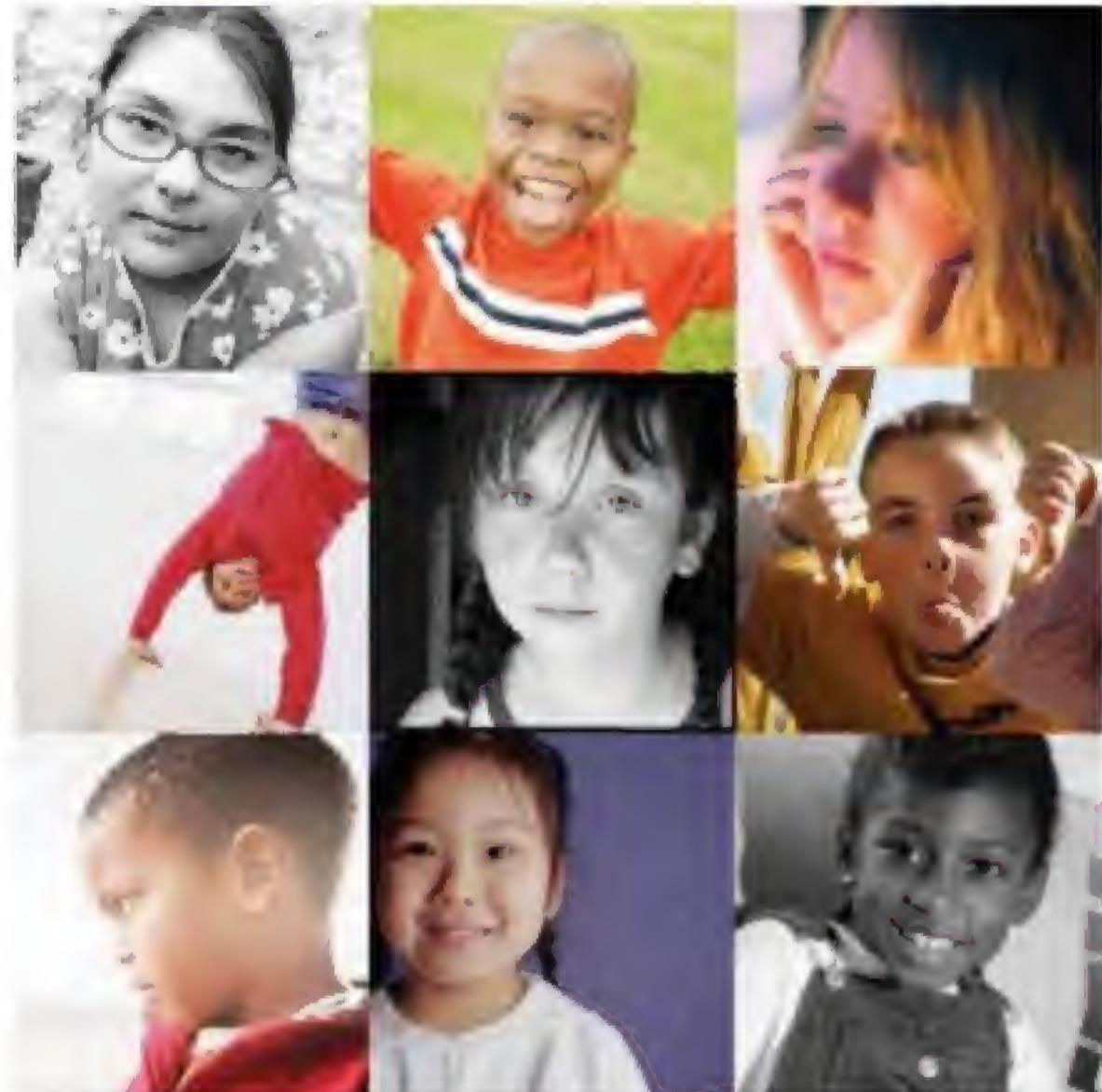
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- Times are tough and children cost money to feed
- A new website tells you where the meal bargains are

Having kids might provide a nice little tax deduction, but they also cost a lot to raise. Even if you're not going to bother saving for their college education, you'll at least have to keep them well-fed, and that costs money.

Fortunately, plenty of restaurants offer special deals on kids' meals. Chili's, for instance, offered a coupon last month for free kids' meals with the purchase of an adult entree. Yesterday, we came across a site that helps thrifty parents find all the best kids' meal deals at their local restaurants.

KidsMealDeals.com has a simple premise: Type in your ZIP code, and the site tells you if any restaurants



in your area are offering special deals on kids' meals. Using the site, we found out that Brother Jimmy's BBQ here in New York has a deal every day where you get a free kid's meal for every \$10 you spend on the regular menu.

The site offers free mobile applications for when

you don't have time to go home and look up a deal before taking the kids to basketball, football and soccer practices. And, the site also has a Twitter feed with updates on national and local deals, so be sure and check that out if you're sick of paying so much to keep your children fed. **MAINSTREET**

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ANTHONY R. JOHNSON, VIA E-MAIL

Bad enough that no one

will heed what the president is asking for — compromise — due to their dislike of him. Bad enough that no senator or representative will heed nor vote for anything the opposite party is proposing simply because it is being proposed by the opposite party. This war between Democrats and Republicans is about to destroy our entire country and possibly the world. Are we powerless to stop it?

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Why should
the rich suffer?

Many letters in Metro have reflected an attitude that we must "tax the rich" and make them "pay their fair share." The top 5

percent of income earners in this country account for 59 percent of the tax burden. How much is enough? What percent should the wealthy pay in taxes before you stop whining about "evil millionaires" hoarding their hard-earned money?

KELLY DONNIG, LYNNBROOK

Media lets us
down again

I cannot believe that the return of football is on all news channels and the fools in the government trying to settle the budget problems is hardly seen. Why do people on social security have to worry about getting their money, why have they not agreed to something?? No, they want to keep bickering.

SANDRA J. ROTONDI, VIA E-MAIL

Horoscope

R Leo July 23-Aug. 22. Praise, politeness and tact are tools that always work very well for everybody. However, you will need one more element — sincerity.

V Virgo Aug. 23-Sept. 22. Your word must always be your bond, especially when making a commitment to a special someone. A broken promise could leave a wound that would be extremely difficult to heal.

L Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 22. You're good at flowery speech, but you might be tempted to lay it on rather thick, leaving a lot of doubt in another's mind. Better use a thinner brush.

S Scorpio Oct. 23-Nov. 22. Although you're basically an intense person, you could be more bold than smart — and get yourself in a lot of trouble. As the saying goes, "Don't rush in where angels fear to tread."

A Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21. The last thing you need to tell someone who comes to you for help is what you believe she or he wants to hear. It'll hurt your pal even further.

C Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 19. Regardless of what you find yourself doing, rely only on your own smarts, abilities and resources. You could lock yourself out if you depend on others for help.

W Aquarius Jan. 20-Feb. 19. Listen to the suggestions of others, but don't use what they say as an excuse to cop out or fail to think for yourself, especially if you know more about things than they do.

H Pisces Feb. 20-March 20. Doing something good for phony reasons will be transparent to those you're trying to impress. Be sure your motives are sincere.

T Aries March 21-April 19. When out in public, your common sense usually enables you to maintain a pleasant demeanor toward those who have offended you in the past.

V Taurus April 20-May 20. Do not employ permissiveness toward those in your charge when discipline is required. You'll be asking for trouble; the former compounds mistakes, while the latter corrects them.

G Gemini May 21-June 20. Unless your mind is totally focused on your work, even tasks you handle on a regular basis could go awry; so don't take anything for granted. Serious mistakes are likely if you stray.

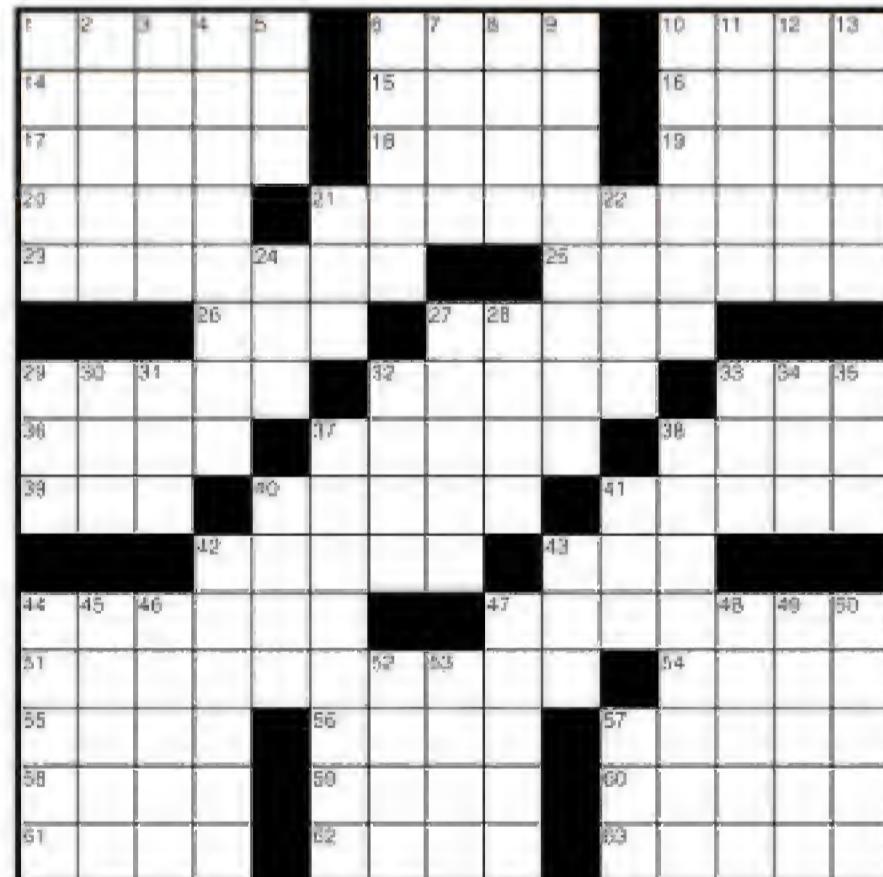
C Cancer June 21-July 22. If you're watching your pennies, subdued extravagant spending habits, such as purchasing something at its initial price when you know it will be reduced down the line.

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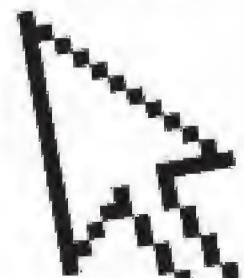
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In the news

McNabb traded to Vikings

Former Eagles and now Redskins quarterback Donovan McNabb was traded to the Vikings yesterday. The six-time Pro Bowler was benched twice by Washington coach Mike Shanahan last season and a trade was expected this off-season. • METRO

In the news

**UNC's Davis out as coach**

University of North Carolina head football coach Butch Davis was fired yesterday.

The former University of Miami and Cleveland Browns coach was being investigated by the NCAA for multiple violations.

Giants work on Jacobs' contract

Brandon Jacobs said he'd be willing to restructure his contract so the team can re-sign friend Ahmad Bradshaw.

As of yesterday, however, there was no word on a restructured deal. With the Panthers' DeAngelo Williams staying put there's more pressure on New York. • METRO

Due to the new provisions of the collective bargaining agreement, every team expects huge turnovers and roster shakeups.

The \$120 million salary cap has put a pinch on many teams already over the threshold and the Giants are no different — starting the week \$11.3 million over the limit. This has made many players vulnerable to the dreaded cap casualty predicament and forced Big Blue into reworking

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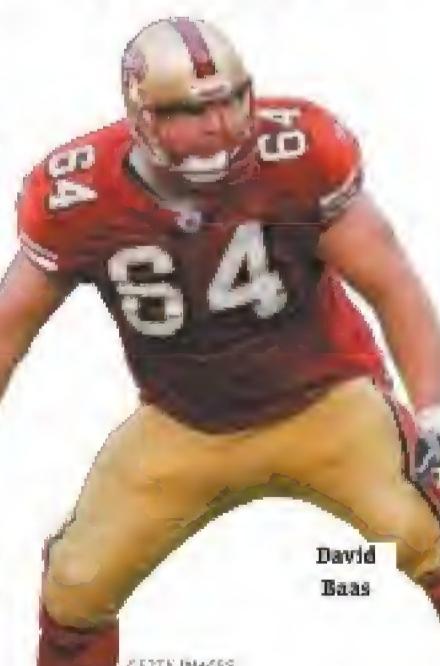
contracts, bringing in cheaper talent, or outright releasing veterans.

As of yesterday, New York asked multiple players to restructure deals to get under the cap. Some obliged, while most like offensive lineman Shawn Andrews and defensive tackle Rocky Bernard

were sent packing.

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• TONY WILLIAMS



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Holmes sweet home

► Biggest wide receiver on the market shuns other offers to stay with Jets ► Reportedly will sign 5-year, \$50 million deal ► With Holmes back in fold, where does Gang Green go next?

A league source told Metro New York yesterday morning that the Jets have signed free agent wide receiver Santonio Holmes to a multi-year deal.

Official details of the contract will not be announced until July 29 per the terms of the new collective bargaining agreement. However, multiple reports have placed the deal at five years

and \$50 million, with \$24 million guaranteed.

Holmes was one of the most coveted free agents on the market and the top priority for the Jets this off-season. The speedy signing of the star wideout lets the Jets focus on their bevy of other free agents, such as Antonio Cromartie and Braylon Edwards.

Holmes sat out the first

24M

The reported number — in dollars — of guaranteed money in Santonio Holmes's new contract with the Jets. It won't be made official until Saturday.

four games of the 2010 NFL season due to violations of the league's substance abuse policy after coming in a trade from the Steelers.

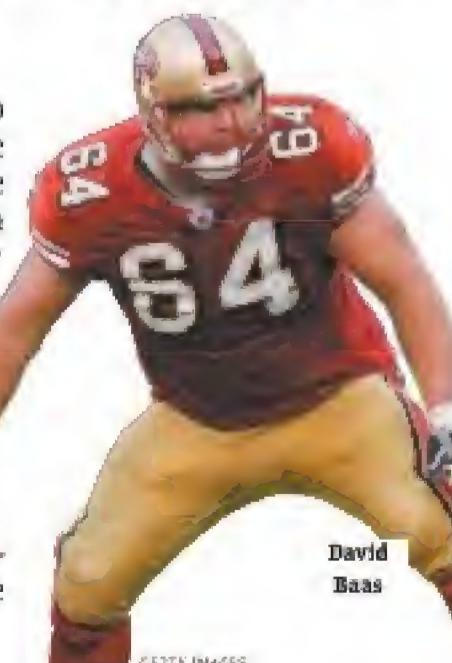
Holmes still had 52 catches for 746 yards and six touchdowns, but his ability to make game-changing plays earned him the nickname "Tone Time."

Rumored to be a top target of many teams, includ-

ing being courted by potential suitors such as the Washington Redskins, Holmes has not yet confirmed the deal through his agent but did post a photo on his Twitter account after he downed what appears to be a celebratory bottle of Louis Roederer Cristal.

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Giants start slow, sign new center



David
Baas
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BYE-BYE BELTRAN

► Mets reportedly have deal to send outfielder to Giants ► Major pitching prospect comes back in return ► Closes the book on tumultuous tenure

Carlos Beltran is no longer a New York Met.

The right fielder was not in the lineup for the Mets in Cincinnati last night and multiple reports indicate that the Mets and San Francisco Giants were finalizing a trade that would send Beltran to the world champions for pitching prospect Zach Wheeler.

"While we have been engaged in discussions, we are not in a position to comment at this time," the Mets said in a statement yesterday afternoon. "As soon as we have something definitive to announce, we will do so."

Giants' manager Bruce Bochy was more forthcoming when asked about Bel-

tran before yesterday's game in Philadelphia.

"He's a special player. Carlos has all the tools you look for in a player," Bochy said. "He's a great defender, a switch-hitter, he can run, good instincts. He plays the game hard and he plays it right."

Signed to a seven-year, \$119 million contract following the 2005 postseason, Beltran's tenure with the Mets ends with 149 home runs, a .289 batting average and five All-Star appearances.

In Wheeler, the Mets land a 6-foot-3, right-hander that the Giants selected sixth overall in the 2009 draft. Wheeler is 7-5 with a 3.99 ERA for Single-A San Jose. He's struck out

76%

Carlos Beltran played in 76 percent of the Mets games over the first six years of his contract. He has played in all but five games this season.

98 batters in 88 innings.

The deal would dovetail perfectly with Beltran's stated wish to play for a contender and be an everyday player. His bat would add a much needed boost to a Giants' squad that's ranked 25th in batting average. The Mets and Giants are tied for 23rd with 66 home runs.

It had long been be-

lieved that the Mets would attempt to trade Beltran in order to begin the reconstruction of the farm system. Because of his performance this season, he became the pre-eminent player on the market. Boston, Cleveland, Philadelphia and Atlanta were thought to be in the sweepstakes.

Mets COO Jeff Wilpon traveled to Cincinnati Tuesday night. He claimed that he wanted to watch the second game of the four game series against the Reds. Still, the timing of his trip coincided with the last week of the non-waiver trade deadline.

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► Hernandez pitched seven innings and allowed one run.

Yankees bow out against King

Felix Hernandez represents the pitching fantasies of many Yankee fans. Phil Hughes represents the reality.

While Hernandez was in control over seven innings, Hughes allowed two runs and nine hits in six innings as the Mariners snapped their much-publicized 17-game losing streak with a 9-2 rout.

As the nonwaiver trade

deadline approaches Sunday, Yankee fans are left to dream about Hernandez, who is 5-0 with a 1.29 ERA in his last five starts against the Bombers.

"He's always been one of their best guys," Curtis Granderson said. "That's why he's their ace. It seems like every time we face him, both here and their stadium, he pitches really well."

Left unsaid was that he

won't become one of the Yankees' best guys anytime soon, not unless the first name on the return package is a major league talent. For all the phone calls and talking heads insisting that Hernandez must become a Yankee, it will have to remain just talk.

Hughes is four starts into his return, and the results have been mixed. He pitched well in Toronto, but

couldn't win when the Yankees scored 17 runs against Oakland.

"I'm trying to find myself," Hughes said. "I may be trying too hard in some spots and I'm trying to give a little extra when I need it."

Regardless of whether he finds himself, the object of Yankee fans' affection is headed back to Seattle and reality is remaining in New York. ■ LARRY FLEISHER

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Jets are still hot on trail of Raiders CB Asomugha

The Jets appear to be hot in pursuit of former Raiders cornerback Nnamdi Asomugha, perhaps the prized possession of the free agent market.

Reports have surfaced that Asomugha and the Jets are in advanced discussion for a deal that would bring

one of the game's top lock-down players to partner with Darrelle Revis, largely considered the top cornerback in the league.

Jets management is unable to comment on any player specifics at this juncture of free agency, but a player like Asomugha fits

coach Rex Ryan's 3-4 scheme perfectly.

"I think corner is a huge priority in our system we do play so much man coverage," Ryan said.

Revis, a perennial All-Pro player and the highest paid cornerback in the league, is personal friends with Aso-

mugha and admits to having talked with him concerning a possible move to the Jets.

"Bringing Nnamdi on board, that's great. He's the best cornerback in the league. Me and him as a tandem would be unbelievable, it'd be awesome," Revis said.



"We'd love to have him as a teammate."

Jets quarterback Mark Sanchez on Tuesday expressed to the media his willingness to rework his contract to help give the Jets cap room to bring in a player like Holmes or Asomugha. KRISTIAN DYER

Isles hold rally for new stadium



A few thousand fans turned out at Nassau Coliseum for the rally.

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► Estimated 2,800 fans pushed for 'yes' votes ► Wang says new arena will create more than 3,000 jobs in LI

Matt Moulson's words were blunt and powerful.

"Charles had made it pretty clear that he's passionate about staying in Long Island. I don't know how much more the guy can do," the Islanders left wing said during Wednesday's rally to energize Nassau County residents to vote for Nassau County Executive Ed Mangano's plan to build a new Nassau Coliseum. The vote is scheduled for Monday.

The Islanders were rep-

resented at the rally by Moulson, owner Charles Wang, defenseman Ty Wishart and goaltender Rick DiPietro. Mangano and labor leaders were in attendance as well.

An Islanders spokesperson estimated that 2,800 attended — many chanting "Build it now!"

NHL Commissioner Gary Bettman, Islanders officials and Mangano have been steadfast that the team will not play in the Coliseum after the lease expires follow-

ing the 2015 season.

Wang and Mangano have said Long Island would no longer be a viable place for families to live if the current Coliseum closes and the Islanders are forced to move. Nassau Coliseum is the second oldest arena in the NHL behind Madison Square Garden. The Garden is undergoing massive renovations and is expected to be completed by 2013-14.

Mangano unveiled a study in a late June press conference at the coliseum with Wang.

The Camoin Associates report said \$1.2 billion in revenue, 1,515 construction jobs and 3,040 permanent jobs would be created if residents voted for the building. Mangano also announced that the Islanders will pay 11.5 percent of every dollar earned, and that the franchise and county had agreed to a new lease that would keep the team on Long Island through 2045.

Wang's estimated the new building would be used more than 200 times a year and would seat 17,500 for hockey and 19,000 for concerts.

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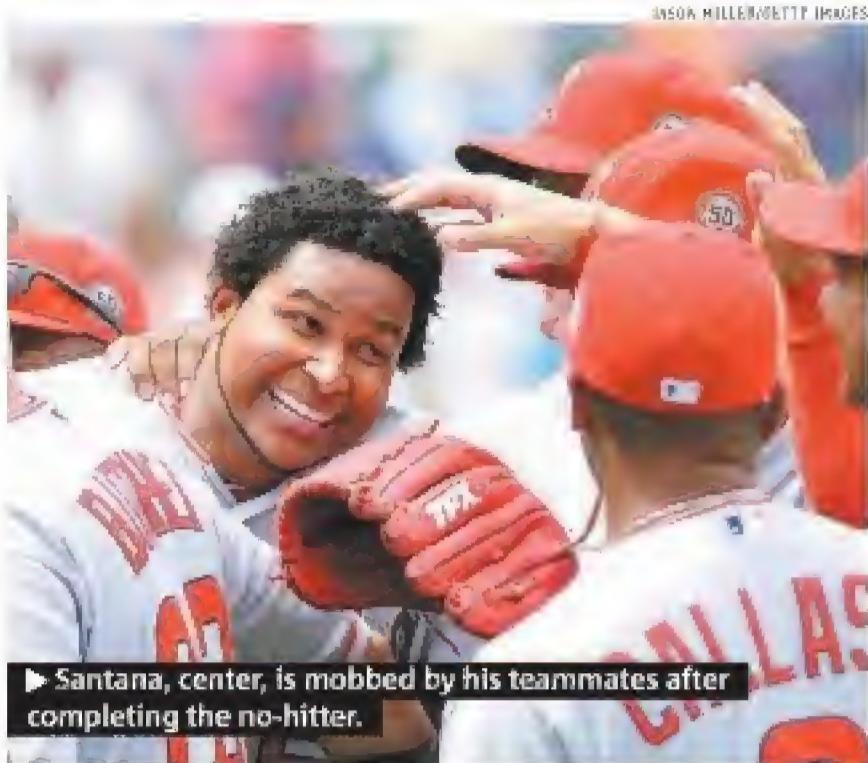
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Santana, center, is mobbed by his teammates after completing the no-hitter.

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Angels' Santana throws first no-hitter

No, not that Santana.

The Angels' Ervin Santana — as opposed to the Mets' rehabbing Johan Santana — threw the first no-hitter of his career in a 3-1 win over the Indians yesterday.

Santana also struck out 10 in the outing. He allowed just two baserun-

ners, including the first batter of the game. Ezequiel Carrera reached first on a throwing error by Erick Aybar, stole second and would eventually score on a wild pitch.

After that, Santana had just one walk — in the eighth inning.

Santana improved to 6-8

in what has been an inconsistent season for the right-hander.

Santana's no-hitter was already the third this season, joining Justin Verlan-

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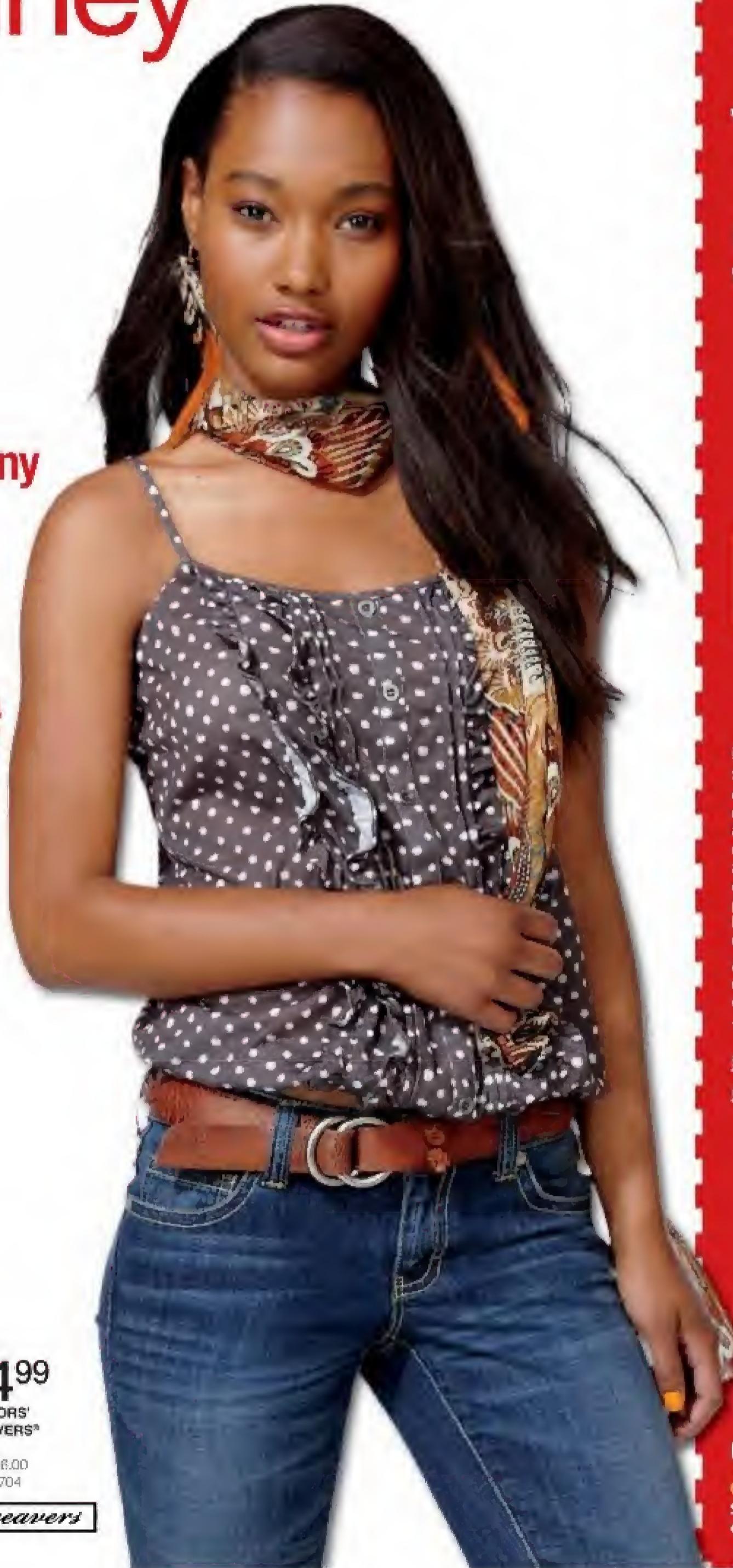
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